COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

March 31, 1976

Dear Mr. Helling:

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Because of your interest in this issue, I cordially invite you to testify at the hearings. If you wish to present testimony at this hearing, you should contact Ms. Gwen Bohlke at 724-8077 before 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 23, 1976.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

Enclosure

Mr. A. Helling
2711 Ordway Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

This letter was sent to the people on the attached list.

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Washington, D. C. 20007

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Annandale, VA 22003

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2025 Kalorama Rd., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Mr. Dean W. Gibson
Secretary, Woodsind Park
Civic Association
1300 Noyes Dr.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Ms. Barbara Goodman
7119 16th St., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20012

Mr. Jim Chamberlin
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Suite 200
Washington, D. C. 20006

Ms. Lois Callahan
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1825 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Mr. Clarence Lundquist
4822 Tilden St., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

Mr. Russ Abbott
D. C. Lung Association
1714 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Mrs. Ruth Lunn
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Miss Mildred Post
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1714 Massachusetts
Washington, D. C. 20036

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D. C. Mental Health Assoc.
2101 16 St., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

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Arlington, VA 22207

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786 Kimberly Court,West
Gaithersburg, MD 20760

Ms. Rita Sue Miller
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Mr. Selwyn M. Waingrow
Nat'l Clearinghouse for Smoking & Health
Dept. Health, Ed. & Welfare
Atlanta, Ga 30333

Mr. Edward M. Dale
2707 Adams Mill Rd., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Mrs. Marshall Green
5063 Millwood Lane, N.W.
Washington, D. C 20016

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8016 Carey Branch Dr.
Oxon Hill, MD 20022

Aloen Townsend
2153 California St., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Mrs. Ronni Snyder
3909 Calvert Pl.
Kensington, MD 20795

Mr. Eugene Carroll
4026 9th St., N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20017

Ms. Clara Kirkman
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Washington, D. C. 20009

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Silver Spring, MD 20901

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Landover, MD 20785

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Washington, D. C. 20009

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3945 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
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4831 36th St., N.W.
Apt. 211
Washington, D. C. 20008

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4937 Western Ave., N.W.
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Dr. Allan Kolba
2725 Nicholson St.
Hyattsville, MD 20782

Ms. Nancy Benassi
1723 Hobart St., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Ms. Carol A. Poppendieck
709 Oronoco St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Ms. Clara L. Gouin
9030 49th Ave.
College Park, MD 20740

Mr. Irving Zaritsky
7667 Maple Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20012

Ms. Eva Stern
5432 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20015

Mrs. B. Theriault
601 19th St., N.W. Apt. 504
Washington, D. C. 20006

Mr. Tom Hamper
812 G St., S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Ms. Sue Levy
4615 N. Park Ave.
Chevy Chase, MD 20015

Mr. Carl Peake
641 S. Harrison St.
Arlington, VA 22204

Mr. Ray Spriggs
1629 Columbia Rd., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

March 30, 1976

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Enclosures

March 30, 1976

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Sincerely

Julius W. Hobson

Enclosures

Robert Williams, Council Secretary

Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large

March 30, 1976

Resolution to declare April 9, 1976 as a day to Commemorate and Honor Paul Robeson

Please place the attached resolution to declare April 9, 1976, as a day to commemorate and honor Paul Robeson on the legislative agenda for consideration at the Council's legislative session on April 6, 1976.

Attachment - as stated.

A Resolution

In the Council of the District of Columbia

To declare April 9, 1976 as a day to commemorate and honor

Paul Robeson

Whereas, Paul Robeson's historic accomplishments should live in the hearts and minds of all progressive people; and

Whereas, the achievements and talents of this great athlete, singer, actor, linguist, lawyer, and scholar are unsurpassed in American history; and

Whereas, he dedicated all of his talents to the cause of freedom for his people and to the progress of human society; and

Whereas, this fighter for civil rights, supporter of workers' struggles, enemy of colonial oppression, spokesman for peace and friendship among nations refused to retreat an inch in his advocacy of those principles, even in the face of the most severe sanctions in the dark period of McCarthyism.

Whereas, all children should have the opportunity, if they choose, to model their lives after Paul Robeson whose career in academics, the arts, and the cause of international peace and brotherhoood are an inspiration to us all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

Resolved by the Council of the District of Columbia that this resolution may be cited as the "Paul Robeson Commemoration Resolution".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares April 9, 1976, Paul Robeson's birthday, as a day to commemorate and honor the achievements of this great American.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

March 30, 1976

Mr. Guy Jones
Executive Director
Northwest Settlement House
448 Ridge Street, N.W.
Washington, D,C. 20001

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am sorry I will be unable to attend the "Salute to the Black Broadway Musical," on April 10, 1976.

Thank you for your invitation.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

March 30, 1976

Mr. Lorenzo W. Jacobs, Jr.
Director
Department of Housing and
Community Development
Government of the District of Columbia
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

I am sorry I was unable to attend the formal groundbreaking ceremonies for the parcel of land designated as Parcel 10, located in the H Street Urban Renewal Area at 16th and F Streets N.E.on March 20th.

I appreciate your invitation to participate in this most important event.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

March 30, 1976

Ms. Barbara E. Whiting
2831 Hillcrest Drive, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020

Dear Ms. Whiting:

I am sorry I will be unable to attend the Howard Law Alumni Association of the Greater Washington Area dinner on April 14, 1976. Thank you for the invitation. I am enclosing the complimentary ticket for table 6, so that you might extend its invitation to someone else.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

Enclosure

March 30, 1976

Mr. Peter Miller
President PVAAU
7847 Enola Street
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Mr. Miller:

I sincerely regret I will be unable to attend the boxing tournament at Georgetown University during April. I sincerely hope that your boxers will be winners and go on to the Olympic Trials.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

March 25, 1976

Mr. Joseph P. Murphy
Director
Department of Motor Vehicles
Room 1018 Municipal Center
400 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I am writing on behalf of a constituent, Mr. Donald E. Brown, Sr. of 1510 First Street, S.W. According to Mr. Brown, he was involved in an accident at the corner of Warner and Lamont Streets, N.W. on September 21, 1975 and subsequently charged with failing to yield the right of way and driving while under the influence of alcohol.

When his case came up for trial on December 9, 1975 Mr. Brown was found "not guilty" of the charges listed in the first paragraph. However, On March 22, 1976 Mr. Brown received a form letter from Mr. Daniel B. Garrett, Jr. Acting Chief, Permit Control Division, requesting that he report to the 1905 E Street, N.W. Admission Office for alcohol consulting. Because he was found not guilty of driving while intoxicated Mr. Brown believes he should not be required to attend alcohol counseling sessions twice a week for six weeks in order to obtain his driver's permit.

I would like to have some background information, including a brief summary, on the problem by April 12, 1976. In your summary please discuss what actions you have taken and what further steps you plan to take.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman-at-Large

Enclosure

Mr. Robert Williams, Council Secretary

Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large (Statehood)

March 25, 1976

Appointment of Staff Assistant (CETA)

Will you please take the necessary steps to appoint Ms. Cleo Leontine Jollivette to the Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs Committee Staff under the CETA Program. She is a replacement for Lou Aronica who resigned on March 5, as Committee Staff Assistant. Attached is Ms. Jollivette's Form 171.

Attachment

March 24, 1976

Mr. Gilbert Caldwell
Community Arts Director
D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities
1329 E Street, N.W., Suite 1023
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I have reviewed the proposal which Special Approaches in Juvenile Assistance (SAJA) has submitted to the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. I am familiar with the fine work which SAJA has done for troubled young people and their families over the past few years.

I am quite pleased to see that SAJA has initiated this move into the area of cultural programs; their proposal for a creative writing program is an excellent idea. It would give young people a chance to develop their creativity with guidance and interest from local poets and writers as well as help to refine their communication skills. I have seen some of their young people's work in the SAJA Quarterly, and I have found it refreshing and appealing.

I certainly hope that you will give their proposal every consideration for funding. Such an innovative approach to the arts, coupled with the obvious value to the lives of the young people involved, makes it an extremely worthwhile project.

Sincerely yours,

Julius W. Hobson
Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation
and Youth Affairs

March 23, 1976

The Honorable
Governor
State Capitol

Dear Governor :

Recently I introduced a bill before the Council of the District of Columbia which would restrict smoking in public, except in designated areas. The "D.C. Clean Indoor Air Act" is in response to concerns of non-smokers who want protection from the effects of second-hand smoke. A copy of the bill is enclosed for your information.

It has been brought to my attention that your legislature has enacted a law which places some restrictions on smoking in public places. I am interested in finding out how your law is working and would appreciate it if you would share some of the experiences encountered in your jurisdiction with me.

Hearings on my bill and a parallel bill are scheduled for mid-April. For this reason a timely response would be extremely useful so that we may incorporate experiences in other jurisdictions into the public record.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

Enclosure

Letters sent out by the Lung Association

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VINCENT REED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
415 12 ST NW
WASHINGTON DC 20004
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND YOUTH AFFAIRS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO AFFECTIVELY ADMINISTER THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS DURING YOUR TENURE AS SUPERINTENDENT.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RECREATION AND YOUTH AFFAIRS,
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
JULIUS W HOBSON, CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT BLDG
14 AND E STS NW\WASHINGTON\DC 20004

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Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To Ms. Kay Cochran

From Pat Evans Miner, Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs

Date 19 March 1976

Subject Job Description - CETA Position

As you requested, the following are the job requirements for the person to be employed on the vacant CETA position:

> Incumbent must be able to independently research identified issues and prepare detailed reports, as outlined by the Staff Director and/or Chairman, Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs. Will be responsible for investigating problems and issues brought to the attention of the committee by other Council staff, citizens, and community groups. Will be required to attend various meetings (e.g., Council, Committee, and community) at the request of the Staff Director and/or the Chairman, including during the evening hours. Liaison between citizens and various governmental agencies under the purview of the committee. Must be able to type, duplicate, and file own work. Will be responsible for typing of committee legislation and accompanying reports. Other duties as assigned.

If you need any further information, I will be glad to provide it.

I have interviewed several persons and hope to make a determination within the next week.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RECREATION AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

17th Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 1976

10:30 a.m.
Room 503 --District Building

AGENDA

I. QUORUM CALL

II. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF BILL 1-110, "ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ACT"

III. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF YOUTH OPPORTUNITY SERVICES

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PMS BARBARA SIMMONS

415 12 ST PRESIDENTIAL BLDG, DLR
WASHINGTON DC 20004
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS A DULY ELECTED BODY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO DETERMINE POLICY MATTERS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND TO SELECT A SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL NOT BE UNDULY INFLUENCE BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS SINCE HE IS NOT THE CHOSEN REPRESENTATIVE OF RTHE CITIZENS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. I HOPE THAT ACTING SUPERINTENDENT REED WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE APPOINTMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. CC CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS
JULIUS W HOBSON CHAIRMAN EDUCATION RECREATION AND YOUTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

15:49 EST

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Sent to Members of Bd. of Ed, C. Diggs

March 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sterling Tucker
Chairman of the Council

FROM: Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

SUBJECT: The Council's Revenue bill vote of March 11, 1976

I made a mistake in casting my ballot on the Revenue bill yesterday and since it does not change the outcome, I would appreciate it if you could change my vote to a positive instead of a negative vote on this bill.

March 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sterling Tucker
Chairman of the Council

FROM: Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

SUBJECT: Bill 1-1776, District of Columbia Statehood Act

The Committee would appreciate it if you could expeditiously move this bill to a hearing date so that we could consider Statehood at the next election. I feel that action on this bill is urgent.

March 11, 1976

D.C. Student Coalition Against
Racism
c/o Eli Greene
3132 16th Street, N.W. #707
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Greene:

I am sorry my schedule will not permit my participation in the teach-in on school desegregation on April 2nd. Thank you for the invitation to take part in your program.

Sincerely

Julius W. Hobson

March 11, 1976

Energy Reporter Registration
Federal Energy Administration
Office of Communications and Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20461

Dear Registrar:

Would you please add to the Mailing List of the "Energy Reporter" the members of the Council of the District of Columbia, City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004:

Honorable Sterling Tucker,Chairman
Honorable Douglas E. Moore, Chairman Pro Tempore
Honorable Marion Barry, At Large
Honorable Julius W. Hobson, At Large
Honorable Jerry A. Moore, Jr., At Large
Honorable David A. Clarke, Ward 1
Honorable John A. Wilson, Ward 2
Honorable Polly Shackleton, Ward 3
Honorable Arrington Dixon, Ward 4
Honorable William Spaulding, Ward 5
Honorable Nadine Winter, Ward 6
Honorable Willie Hardy, Ward 7
Honorable James E. Coates, Ward 8

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

March 11, 1976

Mr. Selwyn M. Waingrow
Public Health Analyst
National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health
Bureau of Health Education
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Public Health Service
Center for Disease Control
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Dear Mr. Waingrow:

Thank yourfor your letter and the most useful material on smoking. The legislative barn door is not quite closed.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

March 11, 1976

Mr. Donald S. Bittinger
Chairman
Federal City Council
1155 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Bittinger:

Thank you for sending me the testimony by Sol M. Linowitz before the Senate District Committee on the fiscal crisis and the future of the Nation's Capital.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

March 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: Helen S. Lewis, Executive Director
D.C. Commission on the Status of Women

FROM: Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Commission on the Status of Women

I would like to nominate the following persons for consideration to fill the vacancies on the Commission:

Mrs. Virginia Morris 583-3160
3107 W Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020

Mrs. Ocie Hall 755-8525
Federal Women's Program Coordinator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Mrs. Peggy Griffith 632-4461
Attorney at Law 967-5107
Civil Service Commission Board of Appeals & Review

Mrs. Ollie Lattimore Weeden
General Counsel's Office
General Service Administration 343-7331

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JULIUS W. HOBSON, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RECREATION AND YOUTH AFFAIRS, COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CC: CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

March 5, 1976

Mr. Hugh Kaufman
1219 4th Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20024

Dear Hugh:

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Also enclosed is an article by August Piper concerning environmental issues and a cover memorandum which Julius circulated earlier this week. I thought you would be interested.

We will get it the next time.

Sincerely,

Paul Sanders Brown
Executive Assistant to
Julius W. Hobson

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

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Paul Sanders Brown
Executive Assistant to
Julius W. Hobson

March 4, 1976

Mr. John H. Grimes
613 5th Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Grimes:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. Joseph P. Murphy, Acting Assistant Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, concerning the suspension of your driver's license.

The law is very clear that refusal to take a chemical test to establish whether a driver has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor his or her license must be revoked for a period of six months.

We regret this fact and are sorry we cannot affect a change.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

Council of the District of Columbia
News Release

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March

DIRECT DEMOCRACY FOR THE DISTRICT BY THE NOVEMBER 1976 ELECTION ----
HOBSON INTRODUCES INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM ACT

Councilman Julius W. Hobson (Statehood at Large) announced today he is introducing the "Initiative and Referendum Act" which he hopes will enable the District of Columbia voters (by November) to recommend the enactment of their own legislation and to recommend the veto of legislation already passed by the Council and signed by the Mayor through the initiative and referendum process.

Simply stated, the initiative is the process by which a specified percentage of qualified voters may, through petition, write legislation and place it on the ballot for adoption or rejection by the voting public. If such a measure received a majority vote, it would be forwarded directly to Congress as a recommendation for action.

The referendum process allows the citizens, through petition, to place enacted legislation on the ballot for voter consideration. If a majority of the voters recommends to reject the legislation, the measure is then transmitted directly to Congress with a recommendation that the legislation be reconsidered and rejected.

Hobson's bill sets forth a simple process for the people to utilize both the initiative and referendum. The initiative requires that 5% of the qualified electors must sign the petition initiating the proposed measure before it is placed on the ballot. If a simple majority of those voting on the measure ratify it, the citizen initiated measure becomes a recommended act.

The referendum procedure requires that a petition calling for a measure to be submitted to the people must be signed by at least 5% of the qualified electorate before it can be placed on the ballot. Upon qualification, the legislation is voted on by the public, and if a simple majority votes against the measure that recommended rejection of the legislation is then transmitted to Congress for action. "Issues such as gun control, marijuana reform, and returnable bottles could not be ducked," Hobson stated.

"The process of initiative and referendum is well established," explained Hobson, "22 States have adopted such provisions in their constitutions. States such as California, Oregon, Washington, and Colorado have made extensive use of referendum and initiative over the past 50 years and its use

has become a routine part of the legislative process of these states. In the District, the modified initiative and referendum provisions would supplement the present legislative process by enabling the public to participate directly in policy decisions affecting their lives and welfare as early as the 1976 General Election.

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Memorandum

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To All Councilmembers

From Julius W. Hobson

Date March

Subject The Initiative and Referendum Act

At the next legislative session on March ,1976, I am introducing the "Initiative and Referendum Act". The purpose of the bill is to allow the citizens of the District of Columbia to participate directly in their own government through the initiative and referendum process by the November 1976 election. Simply defined, the initiative is the process whereby a prescribed percentage of qualified voters may, though petition, place legislation on the ballot for adoption or rejection by the voters. Such recommended legislation is then referred directly to Congress for action. The referendum is the means by which the voters, through petition, may submit to popular vote a measure already passed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor and thereby directly ask Congress to change the measure.

The essential elements of the initiative provision of the bill require that:

1. Any initiative measure which is to be proposed must be presented to the Board of Elections and Ethics, accompanied by a petition that sets forth the text of the proposed legislation.

2. The initiative petition must be signed by at least 5% of the qualified voters in the District of Columbia who voted for Mayor at the last mayoral election.

3. The petition must qualify at least 60 days before the next general election if it is to be considered by the voters at that election.(A special election on the initiated measure may be called.)

4. Upon qualification, the initiated measure would be placed on the ballot without alteration for consideration at the next general election.

5. If a majority of electors vote in favor of the initiative measure, it shall be transmitted directly to Congress with the recommendation that Congress initiate and pass such legislation.

The basic elements of the referendum portion of the bill provide that:

1. Any referendum measure which is to be submitted to voters must be presented to the Board of Elections and Ethics asking that the act or part of it be submitted to the electors.

2. The referendum petition must be signed by at least 5% of the qualified voters of the District of Columbia who voted for Mayor at the last mayoral election.

3. The referendum petition must qualify at least 30 days before the next general election if it is to be considered at that election. (A special election to consider a referendum measure may be called.)

4. Emergency acts, laws calling for elections, and laws providing for tax levies or appropriations for the operating budget of the District of Columbia are not subject to a referendum vote.

5. A referendum measure approved by a majority of votes shall be transmitted directly to Congress with the recommendation that Congress reconsider and reject the legislation.

The idea of initiative and referendum in the United States developed at the turn of the Century as an out growth of the Progressive Reform Movement. The Progressives saw the power of initiative and referendum as a tool for the people to take direct action and therefore bypass the traditional, and often cumbersome, legislative process and executive veto. More recently this theme has repeated itself, particularly in the post-Watergate atmosphere. Recent public opinion polls suggest that the public has become increasingly suspicious of the traditional political process with what they perceive as its special interests, highly paid lobbyists, and unresponsive public officials and favor reforms in the political system which would give them a final check. The initiative and referendum are means to this end.

South Dakota was the first state to adopt initiative and referendum provisions and make them a part of its constitution in 1898. Since that time 21 other states have adopted both the initiative and referendum as amendments to their constitutions. California has made the greatest use of its initiative and referendum provisions. Since their adoption in 1911, 201 measures have been placed before the voters of California through the initiative process. Of these 201 measures, 44 have been adopted. As recently as 1974 the voters in that state approved Proposition 9, the Political Reform Initiative concerning financial disclosures and limitations affecting political campaigns. This year the initiative process has been successfully used to qualify a Nuclear Safeguards ballot proposition which is to be presented to the California voters in June 1976.

In the District of Columbia the initiative and referendum provisions of the proposed "Initiative and Referendum Act" would have to be modified as a "recommendation" to Congress rather than automatically becoming law in order to avoid an arduous and time consuming amendment to the Home Rule Charter. Since the legislative process in the District of Columbia now includes concurrence by the U.S. Congress, this first initiative and referendum process has been modified to consider this reality. This bill will allow the electorate to voice directly its sentiments and make that sentiment publically known. The experience in California, as well as in Oregon, Washington, and Colorado, indicate that their citizens have used the initiative and referendum in a responsible and intelligent manner, and its use has become a routine part of the legislative process in those states.

The initiative and referendum are effective tools for self government. I welcome your support.

A Bill

In the Council of the District of Columbia

Councilmember Julius W. Hobson introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To provide the citizens of the District of Columbia with the power of initiative and referendum; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Council of the District of Columbia that this act may be cited as the "Initiative and Referendum Act".

Initiative

Sec. 101. The initiative is the power of the electors of the District of Columbia to propose legislation and refer such legislation directly to the electorate to pass or reject the same.

Sec. 102. (a) An initiative measure may be proposed by presenting to the Board of Elections and Ethics a petition that sets forth the text of the proposed legislation; and

(b) is certified by the Board of Eletions and Ethics to have been signed by qualified electors equal in number to five percent of those persons casting votes for all candidates for Mayor at the last mayoral election.

Sec. 103. The Board of Elections and Ethics shall then submit the initiative measure without alteration at the next general election held at least 60 days after it qualifies or at a special election held prior to that general election.

Sec. 104 (a) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the initiative measure vote in favor thereof, such initiative measure shall thereupon become an initiative act.

(b) The Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit all such initiative acts to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate on the day the Board of Elections and Ethics certifies that a majority of the qualified electors voting on the initiative measure voted in favor thereof.

(c) Any initiative measure which has been ratified by a majority of the qualified electors shall be referred to Congress with the request that a vote be taken on the initiative act within the thirty day period (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays and any day on which either House is not in session) beginning on the day such initiative act is transmitted by the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. Such an initiative act shall take effect only if both Houses of Congress adopt a concurrent resolution, accordingto the procedures specified in Section 604 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

Referendum

Sec. 201. The referendum is the power of the electors of the District of Columbia to recommend that Congress approve or reject acts or parts of acts, except emergency acts, acts calling for tax levies or appropriations for the operating budget of the District of Columbia, and thereby request the reconsideration and rejection of such acts.

Sec. 202. (a) A referendum may be proposed by presenting to the Board of Elections and Ethics a petition that sets forth the text of the act or a part of the act which is to be submitted to the electors; and

(b) is certified by the Board of Elections and Ethics to have been signed

by qualified electors equal in number to five percent of those persons casting votes for all candidates for Mayor at the last mayoral election.

Sec. 203. The Board of Elections and Ethics shall submit the measure at the next general election held at least 30 days after it qualifies or at a special election held prior to that general election.

Vote and Effective Date -- Conflicts

Sec. 301. (a) The Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit all referendum measures approved by the electorate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate on the day the Board of Elections and Ethics certifies that a majority of the qualified electors voting on the referendum voted in favor thereof.

(b) Any referendum which has been approved by a majority of the qualified electors shall be referred to Congress whith the request that a vote be taken on the referendum result with the thirty day period (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays and any day on which either House is not in session) beginning on the day such a referendum is transmitted by the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. Such a referendum shall take effect only if both Houses of Congress adopt a concurrent resolution, according to the procedures specified in Section 604 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approving such a referendum.

Sec. 302. If provisions of two or more measures approved at the same election conflict, those of the measure receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

Sec. 303. Prior to circulation of an initiative or referendum petition for signatures, a copy shall be submitted to the Mayor who shall prepare a

title and summary of the measure.

Sec. 304. The Council of the District of Columbia shall provide the manner in which petition shall be circulated, presented and certified and measures submitted to the electors.

Miscellaneous Provisions

Sec. 401. If any provisions of this act, or any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word or the application thereof, in any circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the act and of the application of any provision, section, sentence, clause or word shall not be effected.

Sec. 402. This act shall take effect as provided for acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in Section 602 (c) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

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To Robert Williams , Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia

From Julius W. Hobson, Councilmember at Large

Date March 3, 1976

Subject Agenda for the Council's Legislative Session

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